

FACSFAC HISTORY

The mission of Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility (FACSFAC) Jacksonville was initially assigned to Commander, Fleet Air Jacksonville (COMFAIRJAX) until 30 June 1973. On 1 July 1973, upon disestablishment of COMFAIRJAX, four members of COMFAIRJAX staff were transferred to the Naval Air Station Jacksonville for administrative support and co-located with the Navy Ground Control Intercept Site (NGCI) to continue the mission as the Jacksonville Operating Area Coordination Center (JOACC). This was the first small step toward combining the individual functions associated with scheduling and control of the Jacksonville Fleet Operating Areas.

Since 1973, the mission performed by JOACC steadily increased in scope and complexity. In July 1974, the Chief of Naval Operations verified the operational requirement for the establishment of a Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility at NAS Jacksonville and the JOACC and NGCI site were scheduled for expansion into an interim FACSFAC. To fulfill this ever increasing need for coordinating military and civilian use of the Jacksonville Fleet Areas, the Chief of Naval Operations directed in August 1976 that Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Jacksonville be established as a separate command effective 1 April 1977.

Today FACSFAC Jacksonville is responsible for the scheduling and control of offshore Fleet Operating Areas, Military Special Use Airspace, land target and electronic warfare missions. FACSFAC Jacksonville is also the military coordinator with the Federal Aviation Agency and other cognizant agencies for the liaison required by Fleet users for operations in the FACSFAC Jacksonville area of responsibility to assure safe and optimum use.

FACSFAC Jacksonville has been designated by the Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces to be the southeast area coordinator and scheduler for Department of Defense/ Navy offshore air and surface areas, and overland for Special Use Airspace (SUA) and Military Training Routes (MTR). Operationally, FACSFAC Jacksonville has three components, "SEALORD," which provides air traffic control services, "BRISTOL," which provides surface unit tracking and air intercept control (AIC) services, and "SCHEDULES," which provides scheduling services for Special Use Airspace or targets in the Pinecastle bombing complex.

FACSFAC Jacksonville has responsibility for controlling the Operating Areas (OPAREA) and Warning Areas from Charleston, SC to Daytona Beach, FL and the Pinecastle Bombing Range. FACSFAC Jacksonville is a subordinate command of Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

FACSFAC Jacksonville provides preeminent control, coordination, and management of airspace, sea space and sub-sea space to our nation's militaries, agencies, and civilian users.